

WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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Today, finally (!), you will see green vestments on Sunday. Since the completion of Easter at Pentecost, we have had many good reasons to celebrate with Solemnities of one kind or another. But now 'Ordinary Time' well and truly sets in and will take us to the end of November. How are you feeling at the start of July? Have you been wilting with the heat? Do you have decisions to make? Are you impatient for the holidays - in whatever form they will take?

Our First Reading from the prophecy of Isaiah takes us to the final section of this lengthy work from the Hebrew Scriptures. We hear about God loving us as a mother with her baby; we are asked to let our response be one of total trust. There are consoling words: 'I send flowing peace.' Is this what you yearn for? The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Again, these are his last words. Usually St. Paul would have a scribe write the Epistle as he dictated and then he would use his own handwriting to sign off. Here he speaks of boasting about 'the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ' and he offers 'peace and mercy' from God. By celebrating St. Peter and St. Paul last Sunday, we missed a passage from St. Luke which marks the start of Jesus' long walk to Jerusalem. He fixes his gaze on the destination (of Death and Resurrection) and resolutely takes the road. For many weeks our Sunday passages will be insights into this journey. We will watch Jesus with people; we will hear his teaching; we will be challenged into a stronger discipleship. Today there is a sending out of the 72 to prepare the way for Jesus and we are told of the excitement at their return.

Endings and beginnings are always a part of life. We read these in our Scriptures today. We feel them especially as the end of an academic year draws near. We need the summer for refreshment, discernment and response. God bless your week! *Fr. Norbert*

FR. TOM Fr. Tom will be leaving Welwyn Garden City at the beginning of September to start as Assistant Priest at St. Bernard and St. Gabriel's Parish in Northolt and South Harrow. We wish Fr. Tom every blessing in his new posting. Fr. Tom would like us to have his 'Farewell' at his last Mass in the Garden City which will be the 6 o'clock Mass on Sunday 1st September at Holy Family Church. Please keep this free and come if you can. Soon we will have envelopes at the back of our churches for those who wish to contribute to a 'Farewell Gift'; these should be returned to Kathryn Hubbard at St. Bonaventure's. The new Assistant Priest will be Fr. Tony Thomas who is currently at St. George's, Sudbury (Harrow). Fr. Tony's first weekend will be 7th/8th September.

MARGARET KEMHADJIAN RIP Margaret's Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Wednesday 10th July at 9.30am. (Margaret's daughter is Erica Evans.)

ELIZABETH COUGHLAN RIP Elizabeth's Funeral Service will be at Our Lady's on Thursday 18th July at 10.15am. (This means there will not be Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament that morning at Holy Family Church.)

JACOB HUGHES RIP Jacob's Funeral Service will be in the Chapel of Hatfield Lawn Cemetery (Southway) on Friday 19th July at 1.30pm.

FIRST COMMUNION Last Sunday's Thanksgiving Mass for our children who made their First Communion in our three churches this year was wonderful. Our thanks to all involved in the preparations and the celebrations. Dates for enrolment for next year will be published after the summer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Our Lady's on Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm.

SEMINARIAN: "My name is Daniel Voros and I came from Hungary on Sunday night to improve my English (mainly my pronunciation...:) This year was my first year at Central Seminary in Budapest, as a seminarian of the Diocese of Szombathely. In this month I will be with Fr. Norbert mostly, so you can see me with him almost at everything. I am very grateful that I can be a part of life of your parishes. Pray for me!"

CHAPEL at Our Lady's will have to remain closed while the new Parish Centre is being built. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused

POLISH-ENGLISH MASS Our thanks to the Polish Community for leading Mass last Saturday and for the refreshments afterwards. On a warm, balmy evening there was a lovely atmosphere.

FILIPINO MASS The Filipino Community is leading this weekend's Saturday evening Mass. We are grateful for their hard work getting ready for the celebration.

AFRICAN MASS Our African parishioners will be leading 11.30am Mass next Sunday (14th). There will be rhythm, dance, vivid colours and joy! Afterwards there will be refreshments. All are welcome.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL The Headteacher, Ms Ginnette Stevens, will be retiring at the end of the year. We are grateful for all she has contributed to the life of the School and we wish her a long and happy retirement! There will be a Retirement Mass at the School on Friday at 10am. The new Headteacher will be Mrs Katie Linnane, coming from St. Joseph's in Hertford.

OUR LADY SCHOOL will be coming to the 9.30 Mass at Our Lady's Church on Monday (8th). The Mass will be led by this year's First Communion children.

OUR LADY'S REPOSITORY New stock of Mass and General cards. Open before and after most Masses.

CHURCH CLEANING We are grateful to those who helped with the monthly cleaning of St. Bonaventure's last Thursday. Our thanks to all who helped with the monthly cleaning and maintenance of the grounds at Our Lady's on Saturday morning. Also, thank you to those who regularly help at Holy Family. Our three churches benefit from your support!

CHURCH VISIT Peartree Primary School's Year 2 children will be visiting Our Lady's Church on Monday 8th July in the afternoon.

FIRST FRIDAY Our thanks to those who help with the breakfast after our early morning Mass at St. Bonaventure's. Last Friday we were able to eat outdoors!

MONTHLY ADORATION The next 'Restoration' Holy Hour will be on Friday (12th) at 7.30pm (after 7pm Mass). The Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, worship music, reflections and silence. All are welcome.

FEAST OF ST. BONAVENTURE This is celebrated on Monday 15th July. We will mark his feastday at St. Bonaventure's after 9.30am Mass on Tuesday 16th with tea/coffee and cake.

DANCE CLUB Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) in the Woodhall Community Centre 2 - 4pm. Price for those who join in the tea dance £5. However, pensioners, those in wheelchairs or people on their own who would like to come for a cup of tea and a chat are welcome; no entry charge just price of a cup of tea.

SANTIAGO REUNION The pilgrims who walked the 100km Camino a month ago will be having a reunion (in the Sacristy) after 6pm Mass at Our Lady's on Saturday 20th July.

OUR LADY'S 60TH The Foundation Stone of Our Lady's Church was laid on 30th September 1959. The Cardinal has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass at Our Lady's on Sunday 15th September at 11.30am. Please let former parishioners know. Everyone is welcome.

ASSISI 2020 Brochures and booking forms are now available at the back of our churches. The pilgrimage will have Christians from WGC to mark the Centenary and will be from Sunday 24th May until Friday 29th May 2020. There will be limited places so if you are interested, please return your booking form to Pax Travel as soon as possible. If anyone needs an electronic version, please let Fr. Norbert know.

OBERAMMAGAU Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th September, 2020. The brochures and booking forms should arrive any day and will be at the back of our churches. Let Fr. Norbert know if you require an electronic version.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S FLOWER GROUP This group is in desperate need of more people who would like to help with arranging the flowers. If you are interested or just want to know more then please phone Kathryn in the office on 01707 322579 or speak to her after Mass. You don't need to be an expert flower arranger!

ACTION ON CLIMATE - THE TIME IS NOW. 1,500 CAFOD supporters were part of an estimated 12,000 people at 'The Time is Now' lobby of parliament on 26th June. We told our MP's that this climate crisis is not the legacy we want to leave for our grandchildren. With at least 300 MP's coming out to meet their constituents we know our voices were heard.

PLANTS Digswell Community and Gardening Project have lots of plants for sale. Find a Bargain. Open every day 10.00-4.00pm. B197 Old great North Road AL8 7SR.

NEED A LIFT TO MASS? We have experienced volunteer drivers willing to provide door to door transport. Please telephone Kay on 01707 335633 or Desi on 01707 371399.

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CONFESSIONS
Holy Family: Thursday **10am**
St. Bonaventure: Saturday **10.30am -11am**
Our Lady's: Saturday **5pm -5.30pm.**

Website for our 3 parishes
www.wgc-catholics.org.uk

ST ALBANS Every Friday at St. Albans Abbey-Cathedral a Catholic Mass is celebrated at 12 noon. You are all welcome.

EXPERIENCED LOCAL GARDENER AVAILABLE Call Daniel on 07751992492.

DO YOU NEED A CLEANER? Then Phone Elizabeth Anderson on 01707 883770. One off cleans, regular or weekly, fortnightly, etc.

NEED A MOBILE HAIRDRESSER? Then call Tracey on 075812129417 for competitive rates. Husband James is also available for any property maintenance, rubbish clearance or house clearance with no job too big or too small. Contact James on 07572527731

CAFOD The CAFOD group at Holy Family are appealing for any unwanted gifts you might have for them to sell from their Table Top cupboard. All proceeds go to CAFOD.

MASS TIMES

08 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	feria
09 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
10 Wednesday	9.30am	Funeral Mass	Holy Family	
11 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	St. Benedict
12 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
13 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	feria

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

13 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
14 Sunday	8am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
	10.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	11.30am	Mass	Our Lady's
	6pm	Mass	Holy Family



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